Author's response to reviews

Title: Costs of shoulder pain in primary care: a prospective cohort study

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the authors I am pleased to submit the enclosed paper, entitled 'Costs of shoulder pain' in primary care', for publication in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

In this prospective cohort study we calculated the total direct and indirect costs of shoulder pain in primary care, during 6 months after the first consultation in general practice.

The first author (Ton Kuijpers) had access to all the data in the study and takes responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis. All authors have made important contributions to conception of the study, analysis and interpretation of data, and drafting of the manuscript. There were no financial or other relationships that might lead to conflicts of interest. The manuscript is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We do hope that you are interested in our paper and will consider it for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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